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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION TO STUDY BOLIVIAN OUTLET  
QUESTION

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1. LIMA PRESS REPORTED JANUARY 6 THAT GOP ISSUED A DECEMBER 31 SUPREME RESOLUTION NAMING HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION TO STUDY BOLIVIAN AND CHILEAN PROPOSALS ON BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO SEA. FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS RELEASE NOTES THAT, IN VIEW OF CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO PERU "CONCERNING BOLIVIAN PROPOSAL RELATING TO ITS LAND-LOCKED STATUS", THE GOP CONSIDERS IT OPPORTUNE TO "CONSULT ON THIS MATTER WITH PERSONS WHO ARE QUALIFIED AND WELL-VERSED IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS". COMMISSION OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS IS TO STUDY ISSUE, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE 1929 TREATY OF LIMA (WHICH PROVIDES FOR PERUVIAN VETO ON DISPOSITION OF FORMER TERRITORY).

2. COMMISSION IS LED BY FORMER PRESIDENT AND INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE PRESIDENT JOSE LUIS BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO. OTHER MEMBERS ARE FORMER PRIME MINISTERS EDGARDO MERCADO JARRIN (VELASCO GOVERNMENT) AND RAUL FERRERO REBAGLIATI  
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(BELAUNDE GOVERNMENT); JORGE BASADRE (NOTED PERUVIAN

HISTORIAN WHO DEALT WITH GENERAL PERSHING IN 1929 NEGOTIATIONS); EDGARDO LLOSA G.P. (FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER); GUILLERMO GARCIA MONTUFAR (MILGOV SUPREME COURT JUSTICE); ANDRES ARAMBURU MENCHACA (INTERNATIONAL LAWYER AND FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISOR WITH EXPERTISE IN LAW OF SEA); LUIS MARCHAND STENS (FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL); AMBASSADOR ANTONIO BELAUNDE (ADVISOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER); CARLOS GARCIA BEDOYA (AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO U.S.); ALBERTO D'ANGELO (FORMER PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUSTICE); ENRIQUE GARCIA

YAN (FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER BUSTAMANTE); AMBASSADOR BOLIVAR ULLOA (FORMER CHIEF OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY); AND GUSTAVO PONS MUZZO (HISTORIAN).

3. MEMBER OF COMMISSION TOLD DCM THAT GROUP, NOW IN POSSESSION OF DOCUMENTS REQUESTED FROM CHILE, WILL ENGAGE IN LENGTHY AND UNHURRIED DELIBERATIONS BEFORE REPORTING FINDINGS. COMMISSION MEMBER ALSO ASSERTED THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF STRONGLY HELD PERSONAL VIEWS COMMISSION APPROACH WILL BE BROAD, DISPASSIONATE AND ABOVE PARTISANSHIP. IMPLIED CONCLUSION, ESPECIALLY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BUSTAMANTE'S ICJ BACKGROUND, IS THAT COMMISSION WILL RECOMMEND THAT GOP FOREGO ITS VETO AND NOT OBJECT TO BOLIVIAN-CHILEAN SETTLEMENT.

4. COMMENT: COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION IS CLEAR ATTEMPT OF MORALES BERMUDEZ REGIME TO INVOLVE A PRESTIGIOUS GROUP IN CONSULTATIONS BEFORE TAKING A DECISION ON BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR. GOP HOPES THEREBY TO GAIN GREATER PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THAT DECISION. PRESIDENT BUSTAMANTE AND SOME OTHERS ON COMMISSION ARE PROUDLY INDEPENDENT FIGURES IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, HOWEVER, AND WILL NOT MERELY REFLECT GOP POLICY. ALSO, COMMISSION IS NOT FULLY REPRESENTATIVE OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM. ALTHOUGH FERRERO WAS MINISTER UNDER BELAUNDE, ACCION POPULAR SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE IS NOT NOW CLOSE TO BELAUNDE AND IN NO WAY REPRESENTS AP. THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION THAT GOP WOULD SEEK HIGH LEVEL APRISTA FOR COMMISSION. HOWEVER, THIS DID NOT MATERIALIZE AND APRA IS UNREPRESENTED.

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